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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba City Council awards \$5.3 million bid for sewer improvements project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council awarded the contract for Elba's sewer improvements project Monday night, June 8, during the regular council meeting.

Upon recommendation from project engineers, CDG Engineers and Associates, the project was awarded to Blakenship Contracting Inc. The council awarded the base bid of \$5,017,191 and four additional alternate bids for a total project cost of \$5,389,366.

CDG project manager Carmen Chosie said this bid came in well under budget, and that Rural Development was good with awarding the bid.

The city had an approximate \$7.4 million budget for construction on the sewer project. Therefore, Chosie said that leaves approximately \$1.2 million for the city to have to work with should additional needs arise throughout the project.

Following a motion by council member Jane Brunson and a second from council member Tom Maddox, the motion to award to Blakenship was approved unanimously.

Chosie said ideally, she expects work by the contractor to begin mid-July to early-August. The project is expected to be completed within 300 consecutive days.

The council revisited a previous discussion on the use of golf carts, ATVs and UTVs on the city streets.

A work session on the matter was held Thursday evening, June 4, with the council, police chief, city attorney [via telephone] and several citizens in attendance. After a lengthy discussion of what is legal and what is not legal, along with ideas of what could be done, the work session concluded with the council asking attorney Bart Boothe to

further look into several different matters.

Monday evening during the council meeting, Boothe presented his findings to the council.

"At last week's work session, I was made aware [the council] wanted more information regarding the legality of golf carts, low speed vehicles [LSV], and other off-road vehicles upon city streets," Boothe said. "Because golf carts are not 'vehicles' under current analysis [of Alabama law], they are not allowed on public roadways or sidewalks, except in Baldwin County where that county has a constitutional amendment allowing municipalities there to enact ordinances and zones for the operation of golf carts on

the public roads."

Boothe noted that in contrast to golf carts, an LSV can be registered in Alabama and operated upon roadways. He said the county probate office shall register an LSV for operation in Alabama if said vehicle complies with all safety aspects of 49 CFR 571.500.

"Off road vehicles that are manufactured for that purpose and that are labeled as such cannot be legal upon the street," Boothe said. "Because the registration of an LSV requires such vehicle to be manufactured for its intended purpose, it is not possible to convert a golf cart or other

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**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN ELBA RESPONDED TO A TWO-VEHICLE WRECK** Saturday, June 6, at 9:49 a.m. at the intersection of the Hwy 203 Bypass and Martin Luther King Drive/Taylor Mill Road. Officials said a 2001 Ford F150 truck was attempting to cross the 203 Bypass from Martin Luther King Drive to Taylor Mill Road when the driver pulled into oncoming traffic on the bypass. A 2014 Toyota Camry was travelling on the 203 Bypass and swerved to try and avoid colliding with the truck, but the two vehicles made impact. The Camry ended up in the ditch by the intersection (as shown above). There was a small child in the car that was secured in a car seat. The car seat was removed after the collision, and the unharmed child was taken out of the seat. No injuries were reported in this accident. Elba Police, Elba Fire, and Haynes Ambulance all responded to the scene.



**A short police pursuit last Thursday afternoon, June 4, resulted in this crash on Putnam Street in downtown Elba.** The driver of the vehicle, Ricky Hill of Elba, was arrested on multiple charges for the incident. He also had several outstanding warrants.

**Short-lived police pursuit leads to wreck on Putnam Street**

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A vehicle pursuit Thursday afternoon through downtown Elba ended with the suspect vehicle crashing into a light pole, in which the driver was soon thereafter arrested on multiple charges.

At 3:51 p.m. Thursday, June 4, Elba Police dispatch received a report of a reckless driver on Alabama Highway 87 coming into Elba. An officer was dis-

patched and soon made contact with the suspect vehicle.

The officer turned around to pursue the suspect vehicle, and upon turning around Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said the officer observed the suspect vehicle on the wrong side of the road. He said the vehicle continued to swerve back and forth on the road until it crashed into the back of another vehicle stopped [at the stop sign] at the intersec-

tion of Hwy. 87 and the 203 Bypass.

Hussey said the suspect vehicle backed up and fled the scene. He said the officer began pursuit of the suspect vehicle, and this continued until the suspect vehicle crashed into a light pole in the 800 Block of Putnam Street.

The suspect then proceeded to flee on foot, and Chief Hussey said the officer chased until he could not run any longer. At that point, he said two citizens stepped in and assisted in stopping the suspect.

The suspect, Ricky Ricardo Hill, age 24, of Elba,

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## During a June 4th special called meeting Elba BOE approves hiring of several new faculty members

The Elba Board of Education met Thursday evening, June 4, for a special called meeting, and several personnel actions highlight the short meeting.

After 17 and a half years working in the office of Elba High School, Brenda Boutwell will retire from her high school secretary job, effective Aug. 1st. She submitted her letter of retirement earlier in the week, and board members approved accepting it during last Thursday's meeting.

The board also accepted a resignation from Amanda Williamson, special education coordinator. Superintendent Chris Moseley said she was leaving to accept a position with another school system.

The board approved six new hires for the 2020-2021 school year. Three hires were for the elementary school, two for the high school, and one for the transportation department.

Upon recommendation of both Elba Elementary School principal Debra Strickland and the superintendent, board members voted to hire Alayna Cook, from Opp, Ala., as the Pre-K teacher for the new second class recently awarded to Elba City Schools. Also hired was Sydney Crittenden to be the Pre-K auxiliary teacher for the new second Pre-K class.

The new librarian for the elementary school will be

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## Municipal elections set for Aug. 25

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Municipal elections are slated in Alabama this Fall.

Alabama law gives July 7th as the day for the Mayor to give notice of the election. Candidates may begin qualifying once the notice is published. Qualifying forms may be acquired from the City Clerk's office.

The last day for candidates to qualify is July 21st, at 5 p.m.

For citizens who wish to vote in the municipal election, they must establish their residency by July 26th. A citizen must register to vote by August 10th.

Election day is August 25th, and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. IF any run-off election is required, this will held on October 6th.

The newly elected municipal officials will take office on November 2nd.

## Several personnel matters approved at recent Coffee County BOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday, June 4, several personnel matters were approved.

Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth provided his list of personnel recommendations for board members to consider, and they were approved by a 6-1 vote. Board member Brandi Carr cast the lone no vote on the matter.

Four certificated resignations were accepted for the end of the 2019-2020 school year. These included:

- Stephanie Barrow, teacher at Kinston
- Sara Sanders, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary
- Tiara Agee, special education teacher at New Brockton High
- Tyler Stump, physical

education teacher at New Brockton High.

Eight certificated employments were approved, to include:

- Chasity Littleton, elementary teacher at Kinston School
- Jennifer Barton, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary
- Katie Harrison, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary
- Matthew Sanders, physical education teacher at New Brockton High
- Emily Trantham, special education teacher at New Brockton High
- Ashley Carson, elementary teacher at Zion Chapel
- Adam Foster, business education teacher at Zion Chapel
- Mackenzie Hall, science teacher at Zion Chapel High

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**THE ELBA QUEENS CONDUCTED A FOOD DRIVE** Saturday, June 6, to benefit the Elba Food Bank during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The queens generated quite a bounty of donated items to deliver to the local food bank, along with monetary donations. The food drive was held in conjunction with opening day of the Elba Farmers Market last Saturday morning, and the Elba Queens were joined later in the morning by the Kinston Queens to assist them with taking in the donations (see Page 7 for more). Elba Queens include (from left): Teen Miss Elba Danielle Tidwell, Young Miss Elba Hillary Hudson, Petite Miss Elba Elizabeth James, Future Little Miss Elba Olivia Grantham, Junior Miss Elba May Morgan Lusk, Little Miss Elba Piper Astemborski, and Miss Elba Kate Hudson.

## Area Happenings

**THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 373** will meet Saturday, June 13, at the Clayhatchee Community House at 9 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

**THE JUNE 2020 MEETING FOR THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99**, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, June 25, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Town Park, located at 202 S. John's Street. Those attending are urged to bring an outdoor chair. For further information, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred, is a wedge designed to attack our civilization." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

An unidentified Alabama mother is fighting to stop a court order approving the withholding of life support from her young son, described as being terminally ill. Medical folks assert that the efforts to keep him alive are very painful to the child and will only prolong his agony. From afar we agree with the ruling allowing the withholding of those efforts. However, as a parent we would probably do exactly what this mother is doing, except our efforts would be more aggressive . . . if that was at all possible. Often times society acts in what could be called an "inhuman" way when dealing with such issues. Yet there is a strong argument that approving the withholding of life support in cases like this terminal illness is one of the greatest acts of love a parent can exhibit.

The above is not to be critical of terms of Living Wills where the mature, sane adult spells out conditions in which they legally request 'Do Not Resuscitate', and other heroic medical procedures, which often include 'if such resuscitation will not improve my life, but only prolong the agony.'

The British history-oriented magazine "Prospect" regularly has some interesting and well written articles. This week there is a story about Shakespeare, comparing his life during the plague of the late 1500s, being quarantined, etc., with the modern day battle against the coronavirus. This writer thinks the Bard passed his lockdown days writing King Lear and several lesser known poems, including Venue and Adonis. This latter one would probably get some church folks upset if the English teachers had students reciting, and interpreting it in class, but the author does a good job of relating the story of a young man wrapped up in the sport of hunting and a sexually active young woman with the major challenge of the day, which was avoiding the Black Plague. Clearly a student of Shakespeare the author, Emma Smith, cites this poem as the root of several of the Bard's later works, including As You Like It, Much Ado About Nothing, and Twelfth Night. Now . . . if you are still in lockdown and bored out of your skull, you can try reading some of the above poems by the loved/hated poet. Writing them got William through the lockdown and reading them might help you. However, it is probably not a good idea to explain the details of the plot of Venue and Adonis in church meetings.

Roger Simon and of course his late dad, Dave Simon, are well known in Elba to folks associated with Dorsey Trailers. These California folks were a 'rock' of the Dorsey dealerships of years ago. Father Dave died as we reported some time back and now Roger has closed their trailer dealership and guess what? Leased the property to a student transportation firm. The Simons have been faithful subscribers to The Elba Clipper for many years and always stopped by the office when in Elba on trailer business. Roger read our comments about reading Jon Meacham books and is himself reading Meacham's book on Franklin (the president). He had the fortunate chance of hearing Meacham speak last year at an 150th anniversary of the transcontinental railroad in Utah and was much impressed with him as a speaker. Roger likes the Meacham book and also recommended us reading Margaret Bourke-White's Portrait of Myself. We looked her up and she was a female photographer who was a 'first' in a number of categories — American making pictures in Russian industries, female war correspondent, female national magazine photographer, etc.

## ADPH reduces operating hours for statewide COVID-19 hotline

Based on a reduction in telephone call volume after hours, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has shortened the operating hours of its statewide informational hotline for general COVID-19 questions.

Effective June 15, the toll-free line will be available from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., seven days a week. If the need presents itself, hours can be readjusted quickly.

The hotline allows the public the ability to speak with someone who can

provide information or direct them to a contact who can assist them. A general information email option is also available during these hours.

The toll-free hotline number and e-mail address are as follows:

- COVID-19 General Information - 800-270-7268

- The COVID-19 General Information Email address - covid19info@adph.state.al.us

In addition, a toll-free phone line will continue to provide information about

available testing sites and hours of operation statewide. This phone number is 888-264-2256. Callers are asked for their zip code to help locate the site nearest them.

The ADPH website at

alabamapublichealth.gov also offers information and guidance about COVID-19 recommendations. Frequently asked questions are answered at alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/faq.html.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 2, and Monday, June 8, 2020, conducted the following activity:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2** — Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Old Samson Rd (7:46 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at Pea River Outdoors (7:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a shots fired complaint on Martin Luther King Dr (9:52 a.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Guyton St (8:55 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint at 344 Reddoch Hill Rd (9:25 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint at Kids Unlimited (10:04 p.m.). There also were three traffic stops on this date with two warnings and one no action taken.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3** — Officers responded to a smoke/odor investigation in area of Davis St and Court Ave (1:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 1264 Ann St (11:1 a.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at 994 Sunset Blvd (1:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Hwy 166 (1:56 p.m.); Officer involved in a suspect pursuit at 711 Eisenhower Loop — an arrest made (2:44 p.m.); Officers responded to a robbery report at 36 County Rd 242 (3:41 p.m.); Officers responded to a shots fired complaint on Martin Luther King Dr (4:34 p.m.); Officers responded to report of drug activity at 120 Factory Ave (6:00 p.m.); Officers responded to a disturbance complaint at 1113 Oak Ave (10:37 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious circumstances complaint at 119 Old Samson Rd (11:33 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with

verbal warnings issued.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4** — Officer responded to report of drug activity at 150 Buford St (10:52 a.m.); Officers responded to a grass fire at 2105 Hwy 141 — under control upon arrival (1:43 p.m.); Officers responded to a reckless driver complaint on Hwy 87 — resulted in an arrest (3:51 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1576 Gray St (5:02 p.m.); Officers responded to a burglary complaint at 315 Sawyer St (8:31 p.m.); Officers responded to an assault complaint at 232 Dr. Roberts Dr — an arrest was made (8:41 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date with three warnings and one citation issued.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5** — Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at the Dollar General (9:53 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Elba Laundromat on Davis St (2:51 p.m.); Officers responded to a complaint of fraudulent use of a credit/debit card at 315 Adkinson Ave (4:09 p.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint on Reynolds Ave (6:09 p.m.); Officers responded to a complaint of an intoxicated person at 990 Hwy 203 (11:12 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at Hwy 203 and Claxton Ave (11:30 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with warning issued for all.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6** — Officers responded to a disturbance complaint on Cedar Lane Dr (4:50 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident near Dollar General (9:49 a.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 702 Newton St (10:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 615 Jackson Ave (2:49 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (6:43 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Forest Lake Dr (7:04 p.m.); Officers responded to a burglary complaint at 220 County Rd 401 (9:15 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a warning issued.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7** — Officers responded to a domestic complaint at the Shell Station on Claxton Ave (7:20 a.m.); Officers responded to an assault complaint at 963 Neil Grantham Dr (5:06 p.m.); Officers responded to an overdose/poisoning complaint at 1585 Caroline St (6:55 p.m.); Officers responded to an intoxicated person complaint at 627 Lee St (7:06 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Martin Luther King Dr (7:30 p.m.); Officers responded to suspicious circumstances reported on Jackson Ave (10:23 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date with warning issued for all.

**MONDAY, JUNE 8** — Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at Hwy 87 and Hwy 203 (7:15 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Neil Grantham Dr (7:27 a.m.); Officers responded to an intoxicated person complaint at 232 Dr Roberts Dr (8:33 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with one warning and one citation issued.



Editor's Note: This column is intended to add a bit of humor to our daily lives...Read for enjoyment.

There are days when Cuzin Lou Lou, like most anyone she imagines, wonders if what she is doing is making a difference to anyone.

2020 has been an especially trying year as the COVID-19 pandemic has changed so much about normal life. Folks who report the news — not just referring to the national perpetrators trying to get the next big headline — but the ones that really take the job seriously seem to also get looked down upon because of the 'bad eggs' in the business. And, the way the job is done has actually gotten much harder this year because of COVID-19, yet those dedicated continue to plug along and roll with the punches.

This week, however, Cuzin Lou Lou got a sign that maybe all is not lost for those who work hard day in and day out to report factual and informative news to their readers. That working hard to do your best and sharing your knowledge with others is still the best route to take.

A former intern sent a letter this week simply saying 'thanks' for the knowledge and experiences passed on to him.

"I feel like I am constantly using the things that I learned during my summer there," he wrote.

This young man has been given more responsibilities where he attends college for that school's newspaper, and he said he learned via his internship that he could always help his younger writers.

That truly warmed Cuzin Lou Lou's heart. To know

that in some way, she helped mold a young journalist by helping him to see that LOCAL journalism does matter...that is what it is all about in her mind.

Lou Lou has always contended that local newspapers are the balance of a community, and the stories covered in those newspaper may not be Pulitzer winning articles, but they have meaning and they have heart.

Whether she is writing a funny column or a serious news article, Cuzin Lou Lou can only hope that the impressions she leaves on others is that she cares about her job, she cares about her community, and she cares about doing the right thing — always.

This lesson possibly could be applied to all walks in life and not just the local newspaper.

Whatever you do, do it with compassion, and try to be a good example for those watching you!

Until next time...Keep Smiling and God Bless!!



## AUCTIONS

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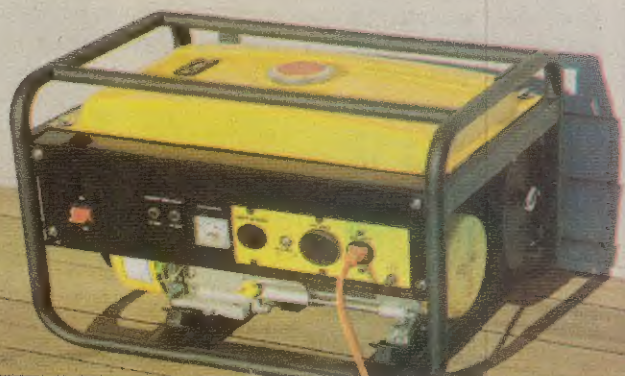
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## COUNCIL

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vehicle to street use."

Boothe said he had found that in 2019 and again this year there was legislation, first introduced by Senator Jimmy Holley and this year by Senator Clyde Chambliss that would avoid the need for a local amendment. However, he said the legislation was not addressed before the end of the session either year.

If such legislation were to be introduced in a future year and passed, Boothe said, as currently written this year, it would allow cities to define certain zones of use for non-conforming off road vehicles such as golf carts.

Further, Boothe said a local amendment could be pursued by having the council publish its desire to introduce legislation four weeks prior to a regular session of the State Legislature and then after publication the city would have one of its state legislators introduce the bill for approval to be placed on the ballot at the next general election. Boothe said this kind of local amendment could be begun by the city and be city specific, but it would take time to go through all the steps.

Boothe said in all statutes he had found on the matter of golf carts, etc. being used on streets, none allowed for children to operate the golf carts or LSV's. He said all indicated the golf cart, LSV, etc. must be operated by a licensed driver.

After hearing Boothe's report, council members chose to take no action at this time on the golf carts issue in Elba. Therefore, the law remains that it is illegal to operate such vehicles on the roadways at this time.

It was noted by several council members that it would be beneficial if the legislation that had been introduced the past two years, which would be a statewide movement, would be introduced again next year and passed. If that would happen, the city could then pass an ordinance with specific guidelines for use to make it a legal matter.

Until then, the policing of the matter will be left to the discretion of Elba Police Officers.

As he had said previously, Police Chief Leslie Hussey said to his knowledge no citation had ever been written for adults using golf carts in their neighborhoods as long as they were not being a

nuisance. However, he said that remains at the discretion of officers on how to handle the manner should they encounter someone operating one on the roadways, at this time.

Boothe said he had spoken with representatives at the League of Municipalities, and he said officials there said this is not an issue only for Elba. He said the desire to be able to operate golf carts on neighborhood roads is something that continues to gain support all across the state.

"Basically, the law is behind what the people want at this time," he said.

Also during Monday night's meeting, the council was updated on the measures taken to try and get trash pickup caught up across the city.

City clerk Sally Bane said the city was still running two trucks with a 2-person crew on each truck as of this week. However, she said if all went well this week, there was confidence that everything would be caught up and the trash truck pickup would return to a regular schedule.

The next city council meeting is set for Monday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m.

## ARREST

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Ala., was arrested and charged on several offenses. In relation to last Thursday's incident, Chief Hussey said Hill was charged with one count of attempting to elude, one count of resisting arrest, and one count of duty to give information and render aid after a traffic accident (for the wreck at the 87/203 intersection). Also,

the chief said Hill was written 10 separate traffic citations for the incident, including a driving under the influence citation.

Additionally, Chief Hussey said there were five outstanding warrants on Hill, included a previous attempting to elude charge and four failure to appear charges, for which he also was arrested.

## CCBOE

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As for support personnel, the board approved the following recommendation from Killingsworth:

- Approved resignation of Jack Mullinax, bus driver for New Brockton Schools
- Non-renewal of Helena Spikes, bus driver for New Brockton Schools
- Employment of Bobbie McNeil, lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel
- Employment of Tom Brown, lunchroom worker at Zion Chapel.

The board approved the purchase of 4-door Ford Explorer from the state bid list. Killingsworth said this vehicle would be used by the central office; however, he said there might be a need to use it also in the fall for continued drivers' education courses.

Board member also approved listing some surplus items and older vehicles for sale on GovDeals.com. Kill-

ingsworth said this included a 2008 bus that did not pass inspection due to a floor issue, and a 1997 Ford Taurus that was still being used as a driver's education vehicle.

Additional surplus items being listed included cafeteria tables, milk coolers and other cafeteria items.

Permission was also given by vote to allow for CNP products such as produce and milk to be bid. The superintendent said this is done annually.

Following the meeting, a reception was held honoring Donna Hattaway, the superintendent's secretary. She is retiring after more than 41 years of service. [Look for more on this in next week's edition of The Elba Clipper.]

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County BOE will be Thursday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m.

## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## MIRIAM JEANETTE FARRIS

Mrs. Miriam Jeanette Farris, age 90, a resident of Elba, Ala., died peacefully

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at her home. Graveside services were held June 6, 2020 at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Kit Johnson and Sister Samantha Morris officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorials are asked to do so to the First Baptist Church of Elba.

Mrs. Farris was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Grady Augustus Farris, along with her parents, Vera and J.D. Hudson. Survivors include her sons: Terry W. Farris (daughter-in-law Vickie), and Ricky A. Farris, all of Elba, Jimmy N. Farris (daughter-in-law Debbie), Conyers, Ga.; a sister: Joann (Hugh) Parker, Elba; **grandchildren:** Susan (Joey) Stephenson, Terri Ann (Joe) Stout, Carrie (Grady) Fuller, Casey (Julie) Farris, Heidi Bowers, Greg Bowers; **great-grandchildren:** Kimberly Stephenson, Brittany Long, Cassie Stephenson, Dillan Farris, and Gage Stout; and two **great-grandchildren:** Rileigh Stephenson, and Emma Williams.

Mrs. Mary Virginia Harrelson Oglesby, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Friday, June 5, 2020, surrounded by her children.

A graveside service was held June 6, 2020 at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Donations can be made to Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery Fund at P.O. Box 368, Elba, AL 36323.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Fred Oglesby; brother, Grover Harrelson (Leola); sister, Agnes Johnson (Rander), and parents, Engram and Mattie

## MARY VIRGINIA HARRELSON OGLESBY

Mrs. Mary Virginia Harrelson Oglesby, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Friday, June 5, 2020, surrounded by her children.

A graveside service was held June 6, 2020 at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating and Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Donations can be made to Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery Fund at P.O. Box 368, Elba, AL 36323.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Fred Oglesby; brother, Grover Harrelson (Leola); sister, Agnes Johnson (Rander), and parents, Engram and Mattie

Williams Harrelson.

Survivors include her **daughters:** Brenda Campbell (Steve), Troy, Ala., and Ashley Catrett (Perry), Luverne, Ala.; **son:** Danny Oglesby, Selma, Ala.; **brother:** Alton Harrelson (Debitha), Elba; and **sister:** Evelyn Jones, Elba.

## DOUGLAS LEE

Mr. Douglas Lee (better known as Snake), age 75, died May 24, 2020.

Douglas attended Elba City Schools.

A graveside service was held Thursday, June 4, 2020 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles Lee; mother, Ethel Lee; brothers, Charles Lee Jr., Lamar Lee, Willie C. Lee, and Nathaniel Lee; and sister, Voncile Parker.

Survivors include his **brothers:** Fred Lee, Syracuse, NY, Jimmie Lee, Elba; **sister:** Willie Mae Whitehurst, Enterprise, Ala.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

## WILLIE G. CURRY

Mr. Willie G. Curry, age 53, died May 28, 2020.

He was born August 4, 1966 in Enterprise, Ala. to loving parents, Louie Frank (deceased) and Lillie Mae McClain Curry. He graduated from Enterprise High School.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Willow Oaks Church of Christ in Ozark, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Willie was preceded in death by his father, Louie Frank; and brothers, Terry and James.

Survivors include his **mother:** Lillie Mae McClain Curry, **children:** Willie Curry Jr., Minot, ND,

Autumn Curry, Clermont, Fla.; **sisters:** Elizabeth Curry, Nichole Burks, of Enterprise, and Lagena Stephens, Savannah, Ga.; **brothers:** Willie Frank, Larry, Keith, Kevin (Connie), Paul Jr. (Yameka), Cordell (Danita), Derek (Heather), Deryl, of Enterprise, Gary (April), Montgomery, Ala.; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

## IRVIN WILSON AMLONG

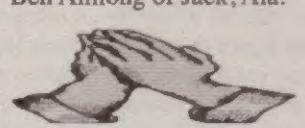
Mr. Irvin Wilson Amlong, age 96, of Glenwood, Ala., went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 4, 2020 after a long fight with old age.

He was the firstborn of Clyde and Clois Amlong of Bethany, Fla. Irvin began working as a plumbing contractor upon returning from service in WW II and was a lifelong cowboy / cattleman. Upon retirement, he and his wife moved to Alabama where he continued raising cattle and working on his property. He also served as a deacon at Gillette Baptist Church in Palmetto, Fla. and Newbia Baptist Church in Elba, Ala.

A memorial service will be held June 27, 2020 at Bethany Baptist Church beginning at 1 p.m. A dessert fellowship will follow. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Bethany Baptist Cemetery Fund, P. O. Box 523, Parrish, FL. 34219.

Mr. Amlong was preceded in death by his wife, Cleo Parrish Amlong, and son, Allen Wayne Amlong.

Survivors include his **daughters:** Lenna Kay (Paul) Gilmore, Beth Anne (Steve) Gilmore and Sheila Dee (Todd) Futhey; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and his **remaining siblings:** Ann Crawford, Oneco, Fla., and Ben Amlong of Jack, Ala.



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**Personal Note:** Another way of expressing your sympathies is through a personal note. Sometimes funerals are so overwhelming that flowers and items sent to the site of service are not recognized until long after the death. Taking the time to put your thoughts together and sharing them via a personal letter, phone call, or visit is even more meaningful and can provide great comfort to the family of the deceased. If you need addresses or contact information, try calling the funeral director or perhaps a mutual friend.

**Memorable Item or Photos:** Consider your relationship with the deceased. Do you have any photos or items that are memorable? Perhaps you could share them with relatives of the deceased. Sometimes it is comforting to hear how their loved ones touched others' lives. This will give you a chance to share memories and a piece of your relationship with them. Contact the funeral director or service provider regarding the best way to share these items with the family.

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*Card of Thanks*

The Family of the late Van Johnson would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love and support shown during the loss of our loved one. Van loved his family, his friends, Alabama and Elba Tiger football, but most importantly he loved Jesus. He never failed to share the love of Jesus Christ with everyone he met.

Special thanks to Dr. Lance K. Dyess and especially the wonderful staff at Elba Nursing and Rehab Center for the love and care shown for Van. They may have started out as his care givers, but quickly became dear friends.

May God Bless You,

JL and Nellie Johnson,

Greg and Tracy, Glen and Kerry,

Bob and Tara, Jason and Shelia,

Susan and Troy, Wesley and Brandi,

and his nieces and nephews

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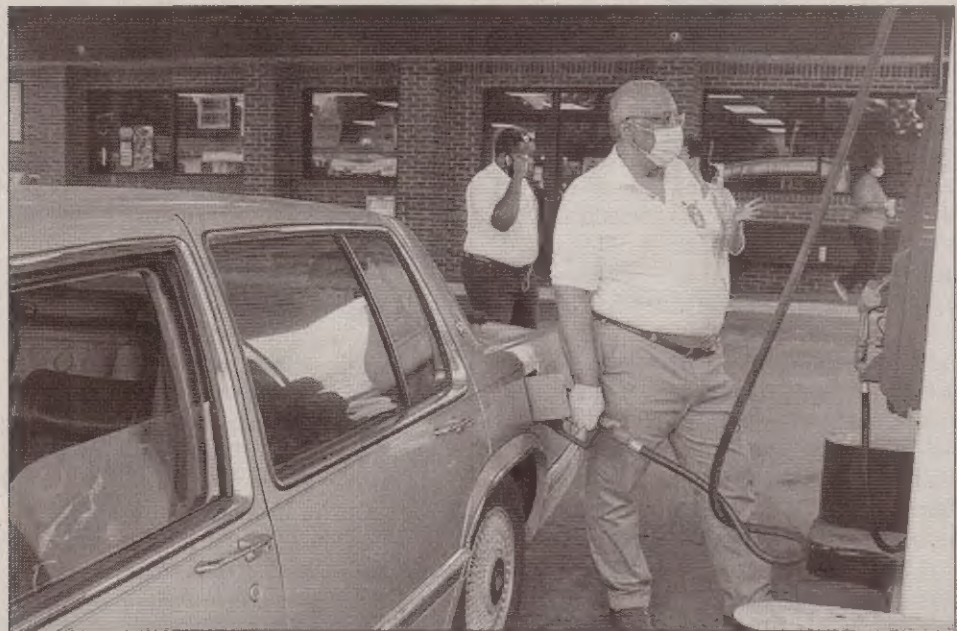
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# CHURCH NEWS

## Harris Temple COGIC gives back to the community

Church leaders and members of Harris Temple COGIC of Elba shared their love for the community last Saturday morning, June 6, as the church provided free gas to customers of the Marathon (Mr. Henry's) store in downtown Elba. The church paid for and pumped \$10 worth of gas for 80 cars Saturday morning putting \$800 back into the Elba economy, and sharing the Christian belief in giving to others.



Harris Temple COGIC Superintendent W.K. Ellison is shown pumping gas for one of the 80 cars that received \$10 of free gas courtesy of the church last Saturday morning, June 6, in Elba. This act of giving was done at the Mr. Henry's store in downtown Elba.

## Pastor's Corner

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor • ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Opinions. Everyone has them, and is entitled to them. We are free to express them, and love to do so, as evidenced by social media.

Personally, I've found that before speaking or posting, I'm well served to pass my thoughts through some filters. The filters purify them, alter them, and sometimes change them altogether.

One very applicable Bible verse is James 1:19 – "Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." If we would actually practice this, we would spare ourselves and others much heartache and regret. Consider:

We need to learn to listen, to God and to others. Have you ever spoken to someone while their eyes were looking all around you? Have you tried to speak to someone about something important to you, just to have them interrupt every few words? These people aren't listening. They're either distracted, uninterested, or debating. While this hurts, we have to admit that we all are guilty of not listening. We are good at talking about what interests us. What we're not good at is having interest in what interests others. If we value others, we will value their thoughts, even if they differ from ours. Conversations with God are often not conversations at all – they are one sided rehearsals of wish lists and problems.

God wants to speak to us, too. He has instruction, and words of encouragement. We never hear them if we aren't listening. So, let's "listen up!"

There is no valor in impulsive responses. In social media and elsewhere, there is an abundance of opinion, but a famine of wisdom. When we are "slow to speak," we allow words and feelings to pass through the filters of our mind and spirit. Do we ponder, process, and consider? Do we think about what God's Word says? Is it possible that the other person might be right, or at least have a valid point? Maybe our filters leave our thoughts unchanged, but our response does change. After all, even the greatest soldiers have to choose their battles. You can't win them all if you try to fight them all – it will wear you out. Maybe instead of going in with our verbal or digital guns blazing, we should use our most effective, most strategic, silent weapon – prayer. I am convinced that far more is changed through prayer than through posts.

When we are "quick to listen" and "slow to speak," the result will usually be that we become "slow to get angry." The filters that we have passed through give us pause, perspective, and peace.

Let's be biblical, in both the content of our opinions and the manner in which we express them.

## Round and About with Eria's Daughter



Scripture: Hallelujah, meaning: "Praise the Lord." Psalm 150: 1-6

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Nunnie M. Kelley Families, Barbara M. Stephen, Georgia Germany, Rev. Stanley Woodfolk, Patrice Duncan, Clara W. Caldwell Family, Lucille Hammonds, Shelly Davis

### June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Rev. Willie L. and Ollie Peterson 6/8 W.A.  
Samantha Williams 6/8  
Ben and Rebecca Daniels 6/8 W.A.  
Debra Clark 6/9  
Sasha Obama 6/10  
Martin Henderson 6/11  
Kendalyn Belcher 6/11  
A'miyah Hill 6/11  
Johnnie McBride 6/12  
Lafondra Thigpen 6/13  
Jeanette Siler 6/13 (in memory)  
Theo Johnson 6/13  
Jeanette Brooks 6/13 (in memory)

### \*\* God is the Pilot

The story is told of a mother and her three children who were taking a long flight together aboard a commercial airliner. About an hour into the flight, the plane unexpectedly ran into some turbulence, which caused it to drop suddenly and shake violently. The passengers became alarmed and some began to scream and cry out. But one of the three children, a six-year-old boy, remained calm throughout the whole episode. Later one of the attendants stopped and complimented the lad for his remarkable

courage when everyone else seemed to panic. "Oh, I didn't have any reason to be afraid," responded the boy. "My daddy is the pilot!" King Ahaz and the people of Judah, learning that Israel and Syria were conspiring against them, became so frightened that their hearts were shaking like the "trees of the wood...moved with the wind" (Isaiah 7:2). The Lord sent Isaiah to Ahaz to give the troubled king the assurance that Judah had nothing to fear from this threat. After all, God – the "pilot" of the universe – was still handling the controls.

### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 6-4-2020

Q: Simeon was said to have been waiting for the (disciples), (warriors) or (consolation of Israel)  
A: Simeon was waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2: 25  
Q: In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from one of the prophets, which one? (John), (Isaiah), (Luke)  
A: Jesus read from the Prophet Isaiah. Luke 4: 17

### Thought to Remember

Pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Questions for the Week of 6-11-2020

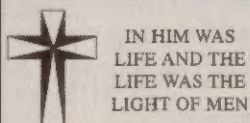
#### True or False

Q: Jesus said that all things written in the law of Moses, the Prophets, the Psalms concerning Him must be fulfilled?  
Q: On the day Jesus was crucified there was darkness from the sixth hour to the ninth hour?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.  
Eria's Daughter, Sue

## Church News is Due on Mondays

## Church Directory



IN HIM WAS  
LIFE AND THE  
LIGHT OF MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE  
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BETHLE-AME CHURCH**  
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METH-  
ODIST**  
Rev. Remona Smith  
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE  
CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Diana White, Pastor  
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal  
and Children's Activities) ...  
6:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dale Morgan, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night ... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHOD-  
IST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBAZON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Lovel Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -  
KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS  
CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE  
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.**  
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry  
Sat. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHOD-  
IST CHURCH**  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF  
GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH**  
Ben Posey, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WOOD CHURCH**  
Derrick Silson, Pastor  
Saturday Service ... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
J. K. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Kevin Byrd, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD**  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit  
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even. ... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH  
OF GOD IN CHRIST -  
ENTERPRISE**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship ... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening ... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train ... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METH-  
ODIST**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH  
OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed ... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST**  
Lorelei Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH**  
Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE AS-  
SEMBLY OF GOD - SAM-  
SON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

**PRAYSE & GLORY  
WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.  
CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
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Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL  
COMMUNITY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
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**THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
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**THE WAY OF HOLINESS  
CHURCH, Elba**  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.  
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C.P. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service ... 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS  
CHURCH**  
Donald Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VICTORIA BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Shayne Allen, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Worship ... 7:00 p.m.

**VICTORY TABERNACLE**  
Ruby Lawson, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**WHITEWATER BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Tommy Green, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.

**WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF  
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Kenneth Hagler, Pastor  
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Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
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CHURCH**  
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Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
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CHURCH**  
John Isaacs, Pastor  
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Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.



## LIFESTYLES

## News from the Elba Public Library:

The Elba Public Library is open by appointment only.

While all library services have resumed, library director Jennifer Amlong said there would be no programming, group meetings or rental of the community room currently. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

Maximum capacity for the building is five patrons, and there is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921 for availability.

"If you are in town and would like to stop by, call to see if we can get you in," said library director Jennifer Amlong. "Thank you for understanding these last few months. We are excited to see everyone!"

Masks are required upon entering building. Please follow all posted guidelines.

Temporary library hours are Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.



**THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL HELD A WORK SESSION** Thursday evening, June 4, at Elba City Hall. Social distancing and face mask wearing was observed by all in attendance as shown above. Pictured here are (from left) council members Johnathan Lockett and Gappa Wise, Mayor Mickey Murdock, and council member Jane Brunson. The same social distancing measures were used again Monday evening, June 8, for the council's regular meeting.

## 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show now slated for Saturday, July 11, in Elba, AL

The 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show received new life recently as the date for the event was rescheduled to Saturday, July 11, in Elba, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The car show previously had been scheduled to be held in both March and May, however, the coronavirus health pandemic caused it to be canceled both times. Event organizers are optimistic the new July date will now happen!

This event is hosted by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers

group, and all proceeds from the car show are donated to benefit the Elba Public Library.

The Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, which is held on the square in downtown Elba, will feature cars and trucks of all makes and models. There also will be arts and crafts vendors on site throughout the event.

Admission to the public is free!

For those interested in showing their vehicle in the show, there is a \$20 entry fee, and registration is from

8-10 a.m. the morning of the show. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

For more information about entering a vehicle, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505; and for more information about arts and crafts contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

Follow the Foggy Bottom Cruisers on Facebook - @foggybottomcruisers.

## NOTICE:

On Tuesday, July 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. a public testing of the DS-200 voting machines to be used in the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election will be conducted at the Farm Center Coliseum Building at the Coffee County Complex, Hwy 84W, New Brockton.

The public test is open to the general public and is invited to attend. This public testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.



## Summer Learning Program 2020

### Registration underway for Summer Learning Program

#### Just a Few Notes:

- Registration began June 8th and continues for the duration of the program.
- At registration reading records will be given to each participant. Awards will be given to the top reader in each age group. Reading records must be turned in by July 24th to be eligible for prizes.
- New packets will be available every Monday. Pick up at personal convenience.
- All ages are welcome to participate.

#### Ways to participate:

- Come by the Elba Public Library and register the child to receive "SLP Activity

Packets" with reading records, for children to record books read, and other activities. (Children who are registered will be eligible for prizes and awards at the end of the summer, awards given for each age group).

2. Pick up free (no commitment) "Fun Packets" at the library and at the "Little Free Libraries" located around town.

3. Preschoolers can also participate by signing up for 1000 Books before Kindergarten. Prize given for every 100 books read!! Single titles can be read multiple times. Preschoolers learn best by repetition.

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#### Attention 5th and 6th grade [Fall of 2020]!

Students of this age interested in making Summer 2020 The Summer of Kindness should contact the Elba Public Library at (334) 897-6921 or email: library@elbaal.gov

## Elba City Schools excited to add additional Pre-K classroom for 2020-2021 school year

Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education recently announced the nationally-recognized, high quality Alabama First Class Pre-K program would add 55 new classrooms this fall.

As a result of the selection process, Elba City Schools (ECS) was chosen out of 123 classroom applications to receive a \$120,000 grant to start a second Pre-K classroom.

Due to the additional classroom, seven to ten more student slots are available and ECS is excited to make this addition available to the community.

"In order to take advantage of this opportunity, complete the online registration for your child at <https://alprek.asapconnected.com>," said Kenya Martin, Elba Elementary School counselor.

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before September 1, 2020\* who are residents of the state of Alabama (children who are eligible for kinder-

garten are ineligible). Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to the local school/program).

There is no registration fee for this program, and no child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

This program is currently set to start on August 6, 2020. There will be a parent/student orientation set for July 30, 2020.

Parents will receive more information in their orientation letter that will be mailed approximately two weeks prior. The Registration Parent Guide\* will offer detailed information to assist in the registration process.

"The faculty and staff of Elba Elementary are excited and look forward to meeting you!" Martin said.

\*Please note step 15 of the Registration Parent Guide is not applicable.

## Locals graduate from University of Alabama

The University of Alabama awarded some 6,326 degrees this spring. Among the graduates was:

- Leslie Ethridge of New Brockton, Ala., who received a Bachelor of Science in nursing.
- Brooklyn Gillis of Kinston, Ala., who received a Bachelor of Science.
- Caroline Hataway of Kinston, Ala., who received a Bachelor of Science in

electrical engineering.

The recent change to remote learning during this unprecedented time affected the University's plans for traditional commencement activities. However, commencement is a milestone, and the University wants graduates to have the opportunity to walk across the stage in celebration of their success.

Greg Sowell appointed to new 5-year term on Elba City School Board

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday, June 8, District Five council member AR Williams made a motion to reappoint Greg Sowell to another 5-year term on the Elba Board of Education.

This motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the council.

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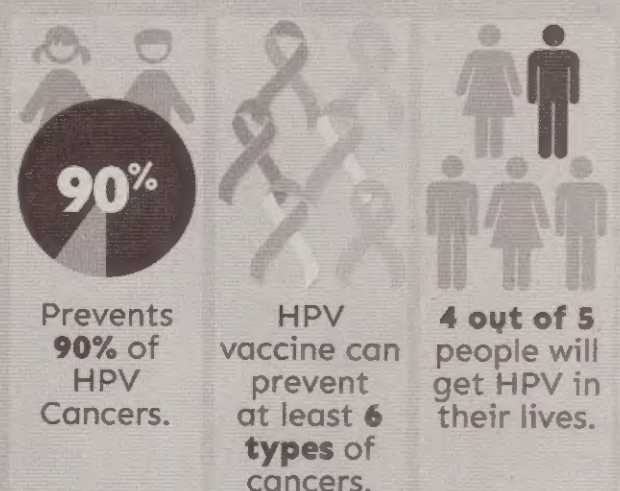
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## Deadline to register to vote in July's Primary Run-Off Election is June 29th

Monday, June 29, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, 1065 East McKinnon Street New Brockton, AL. Requirements to register to vote are:

1. Person must be 18 years of age and a United States citizen; and
2. Person must live at the address provided on the application to register; and
3. Person must not be barred from voting by reason of felony conviction; and
4. Person must not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law.

Voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 334-894-5347.

For further information contact: Coffee County Board of Registrars, 1065 East McKinnon Street, 6 County Complex, New Brockton, AL

To register to vote online, please visit

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**For the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election**  
**Deadline to apply for absentee ballot is Thursday, July 9th**

Thursday, July 9, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to apply for absentee ballots for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton, Coffee County Courthouses, and online at www.coffeecountyvotes.com. The Absentee Election Manager is Linda Mills her mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL 36351. Physical location is 1065 East McKinnon Street, 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama. Telephone number: 334-894-1100.

Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons;

- The voter is out of the country or state on Election Day.
- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.
- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.

#### Senior centers continue to serve their communities with meals

COVID-19 shut down daily operations at senior centers all across Alabama in March, however, meals have continued to be delivered to senior citizens.

Donna Fall, Elba Senior Center director, said the meals have been a blessing to many seniors across the county. She said the seniors look forward to their meal delivery time each week day.

"Many of them are greatly missing the daily interactions they had with their friends at the centers," Falls said. "So, they look forward to seeing us coming with the meals mostly because it means they will get a hello and be able to talk to someone, if only for a few brief moments."

Falls said it is heartbreaking to see the seniors struggle with not being able to come to the centers currently because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but she said she and other directors are trying to come up with other ideas to help the seniors pass the time.

Falls said she has dropped off puzzles, crafts and other things for the seniors when the meals are dropped off. She said she wants to just keep them occupied with fun activities so they will not focus on missing out on being at the center, especially those seniors with no family nearby.

"We love our seniors and we want to do all we can for them," Falls said. "One day we will get back and will have a big party!"

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that South Alabama Electric Cooperative, an electric cooperative organized under the laws of Alabama, has filed its Petition with the Department of Finance of the State of Alabama, for consent to execute and deliver its Secured Promissory Notes and other loan documents to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC"), which term includes any successors or assigns in an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00).

The purpose of borrowing the said sums of money sought herein is to finance eligible property additions and to finance the construction and operation of additional electric distribution lines and adequate transformers, distribution, service lines, together with all necessary appurtenances

necessary for the efficient operations of South Alabama Electric Cooperative in the counties of Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Lowndes, Montgomery, and Pike Counties, all in the State of Alabama. The Petition has been set down to be heard on the 22nd day of June, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Alabama Rural Electric Association at 340 Techna-center Dr, Montgomery, Alabama 36117. All persons in interest may appear and contest the Petition if they see fit to do so.

Done at Montgomery, Alabama this 2nd day of June, 2020.

STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

/s/ Kelly Butler  
By: Kelly Butler  
Director of Finance  
6/11-1tc

IN THE MATTER OF

LISA LYNN FULLER,  
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO: PC2020-006

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of June 2020 by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 2nd day of June 2020.  
/s/ Gavin Mauldin  
Personal Representative  
6/11, 6/18 & 6/25-pd.

### NOTICE OF MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency will host a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting to discuss hazard mitigation planning in the Coffee County Commission Community Room, located at 1065 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama on Tuesday June 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The Hazard Mitigation Plan addresses risk and vulnerability of Coffee County to multiple natural hazards, such as high wind and flooding events, and presents strategies and projects for hazard mitigation. Federal guidance specifies that local jurisdictions must review and revise their hazard mitigation plan and submit it for approval every (5) years. Coffee County is included in a process to develop a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and is currently reviewing information concerning risk and vulnerability information, as well as mitigation strategies and projects. Residents and other stakeholders of Coffee County are encouraged to participate.



Elba Senior Center worker Jacques Luckett prepares meals to be handed out in Elba to senior citizens from the Elba Senior Center van. Meals can be picked up at the center each week day or delivered to seniors signed up via a route made each Monday-Friday.



Barbara Rugg of the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center loads a freshly made hot meal into a vehicle as it is picked up one week day from the Zion Chapel Center. While centers are closed, the workers [and SARCOA] continue to make sure their seniors are fed!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Opening day of Elba Farmers Market considered a huge success

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Opening day for the Elba Farmers Market arrived Saturday, June 6, and there was no doubt it was going to be a good day as there already was a crowd waiting to shop when the market opened at 8 a.m.

"Opening day was more than we could have hoped for," committee member Destiny Hudson excitedly said. "Many of the vendors sold out of produce in a very short time, which tells me the interest is definitely there!"

Several of the vendors noted it was still early in the season for some of their crops, and they would have more in the coming weeks.

Local grower Buddy Clark was selling his sweet corn last Saturday morning, and it was going in a hurry. He assured several folks that stopped by his booth that in the coming weeks, as the crops mature, he would add things such as watermelon and cantaloupe to his

bounty for sale.

Others also noted they would have increased product as the summer continues, saying it was just too early yet for some of their produce to be ready to sell.

"It was awesome!" Elba resident Starla Amison said of the Farmers Market. "I got there a little too late to get some veggies, but I am so thankful that our vendors do so well. It was also great to see everyone. I think I will get there early next time, do my shopping, then visit. Awesome addition to our great town."

Hudson admitted the overwhelming response by the public was more than even the vendors expected last Saturday, which caused some to sell out quickly. They hope to avoid that this Saturday, according to Hudson.

"Vendors plan to bring more [product] this week, and we are working on adding more vendors with fresh produce," she said.

The Elba Farmers Market



**RIBBON CUTTING OFFICIALLY OPENS ELBA FARMERS MARKET...**The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting Saturday morning, June 6, to officially open the Elba Farmers Market at 8 a.m. Located on the Hwy 203 Bypass in Elba, the Elba Farmers Market will be open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12 noon through August. Those participating in Saturday's ribbon cutting included (from left): Tom Maddox, Sally Bane, Jane Brunson, Junior Miss Elba May Morgan Lusk, Laurie Chapman, Destiny Hudson, Petite Miss Elba Elizabeth James, Future Little Miss Elba Olivia Grantham, Sandy Bynum, Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock, Miss Elba Kate Hudson, Little Miss Elba Piper Astemborski, Rory Vignola, Young Miss Elba Hillary Hudson, Gappa Wise, Teen Miss Elba Danielle Tidwell, Gavin Mauldin, and Aaron Pope.

is open each Saturday thru August from 8 a.m. until 12 noon under the tent in the commercial lot next to the Elba Gulf Travel Center [Hwy 203 Bypass]. Throughout the summer, the committee hopes this venture will only grow and get better and better.

"There will be some new and fun things available in the coming weeks," Hudson said. "Our Farmers Market will look different each week!"

The Elba Farmers Market opens again Saturday, June 13, at 8 a.m. All are encouraged to come 'snap' up some locally grown products to enjoy! A variety of products are expected.



**ELBA QUEENS WERE JOINED BY KINSTON QUEENS** Saturday, June 6, to assist with the Food Drive being sponsored by the Elba Queens. All food and monetary donations went to the Elba Food Bank. The queens are shown together above. Elba queens pictured on the left are (from left): May Morgan Lusk, Piper Astemborski, Kate Hudson, Hillary Hudson, Olivia Grantham, Danielle Tidwell, and Elizabeth James. Kinston queens pictured on the right are (from left): Brianna Hall, Tilly Kilpatrick, Jade Elmore, Emory Kinsaul, and Brooke Senn.



In the photo to the left, Little Miss Elba Piper Astemborski delivers the bounty received by Elba Queens from the Food Drive held Saturday, June 6, benefitting the Elba Food Bank, which is housed in the fellowship building of the Elba Church of Christ. The Food Drive generated lots of non-perishable food items for the food bank as well as over \$140 in cash. Piper is shown delivering the food and money to Nichole Capps, a church member at the Elba Church of Christ.



**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** were set up outside the Elba Farmers Market last Saturday, June 6, working to raise funds for their organization at the high school. The cheerleaders were selling Elba Tiger gear along with soft drinks and bottled water. Cheerleaders pictured here include (from left): Zalie McKelvy, Adalyn O'Neal, Tia Germany, and La'Mya Anderson.



**THERE WAS A LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE EARLY** last Saturday June 6, for the opening of the Elba Farmers Market. Those attending were encouraged to maintain a 6-ft distance between one another and many further followed Alabama Department of Public Health [ADPH] health safety guidelines by wearing face masks to help combat the spread of COVID-19. These are common practices these days as the nation and world work to overcome the coronavirus pandemic, and the Elba Farmers Market did its part in encouraging its vendors and shoppers to follow the public health safety orders as outlined by ADPH. The photos above and to the right each show that.



Destiny Hudson welcomes everyone to the "opening" of the Elba Farmers Market on Saturday, June 6th.



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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*I guess in a way the summer vacation* has really just started for the school children, and that is why our grandson Lawson feels he has to find somewhere to swim almost every day. Last week he and his Mon went over to the old Bama Jam Park and spent the day in the water park that has reopened. I saw some pictures and videos of him having fun, and was told over the weekend they have a trip planned to the beach late this week. I know all the swimming trips will end once Melissa starts summer volleyball workouts, but for now Lawson is having a ball.

#### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *I got a chance to watch the Elba Tigers* at work last week for a few minutes and was impressed, as they seemed ready to learn and more than ready to get back to work on the practice field. A large number of varsity players were at the workout, joined by a small group of junior high players, and everyone was busy at various places on the field with their coaches. Coach Sieving stated last week that he has a plan for June and they will go back and make changes for July, and if July is as successful as early-June seems to be, it looks like the Tigers will have a successful summer.

\*\*\* *The Elba Lady Tigers got back into the gym* this week for a month of summer drills and Coach Shaun Hammonds is convinced his team has a chance to make it back to the Final Four, despite moving up to Class 2A. The Lady Tigers have three starters back from last season's record breaking squad, and have a number of varsity reserves that got into most games and learned the system. Coach Hammonds will admit the team has two very big shoes to fill, but is excited and convinced that another banner season is only a few months away.

\*\*\* *It looks like Major League Baseball* may be the only professional sports organization that sits out the season due to the late start. The NBA has agreed to get back on the court, the soccer teams are already playing, the pro bowlers are back on the lanes, the NFL has set some times to get back to training camp, the PGA comes back this week and NASCAR is getting ready to bring back the fans. Major League Baseball; however, is still arguing about prorated salaries for the players due to a shortened season and from here in the not so cheap seats it simply looks like the 'billionaire' owners battling the 'millionaire' players. Forget the fans that have to save up for weeks just to attend a game, because in the end it isn't about the fans, only the money.

\*\*\* *In closing...* this Saturday is 'Free Fishing Day' in Alabama and that means for one day no one in the state needs a state license to fish. There is still a \$3 charge to fish at most county lakes, but a state license will not be needed. Hey, the weatherman says the weather will be nice, so, c'mon out and wet your hook.

**We in Coffee County are lucky to have one of the state's top 'county lakes' located just six miles west of Elba on County Road 364. The 83-acre lake is filled with bream, bass, catfish and crappie, and also has two covered picnic pavillions and two outdoor grills. It's not a long ride to enjoy the outdoors here in Coffee County.**

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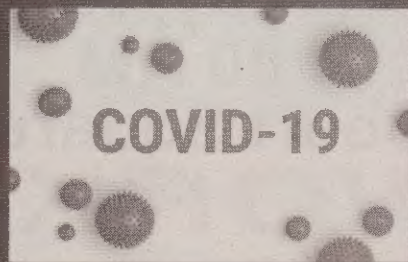
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#### For summer workouts

## Lady Tigers are back in the gym

While many of the boys at Elba High have been hard at work for over a week in the weight room and on the football field preparing for the upcoming season, this week the girls will get to work as they hit the basketball court to begin a month of summer workouts.

"We are going to work out for a month from one until four every day in the afternoon and

will work on conditioning, shooting and fundamentals," said Coach Shaun Hammonds. "We lost three seniors, including two starters off last year's team that made it to the Final Four, and need to try and find some players that have the work ethic and desire to jump into the lineup and help push us to even better things this season."

"We will tryouts in the

fall for both the junior varsity and varsity teams," added Hammonds, "so, the summer workouts are more to find out who really wants to play and who will be willing to make the sacrifices we expect. Both the younger players and new varsity players will get the chance to see what I am about and find out what being a Lady Tiger is all about."

"We are all excited about getting back together and have a plan in effect to make sure we all stay safe," added Hammonds. "We have extra facemasks for those that need them and have enough basketballs for every player to use their own ball. The players will bring their own water bottles and towels, and we will practice social distancing at all times. We expect to have

over a dozen players at workouts that played junior high last season and ten players back from the varsity. It should be a good squad that understands what we do, and that should make things a lot smoother."

"One thing we must not allow is for last season's success to make us feel like we will do it again without hard work," said Hammonds. "I hope it will make the girls even hungrier to make it back and win those last two games in Birmingham, and also push them to win some tournaments in the regular season. We are going to make the players realize what we can do and that here at Elba we always expect to win. We can't be complacent and can't afford to be satisfied just because we had a good season. It is



SHAUN HAMMONDS

now time to get back to work and to be willing to do whatever it takes to take that next step."

## June 13 is 'free fishing day' in Alabama

On Saturday, June 13, 2020, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 6-14. The event allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license.

"This is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been

missing," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "It's also a day for kids to learn how fun and exciting fishing is, while giving families a chance to do something together outdoors."

Free Fishing Day takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement and a free saltwater angler registration. For more information,

visit [www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/salt-water-recreational-size-creel-limits](http://www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/salt-water-recreational-size-creel-limits).

State Public Fishing Lakes still require a fishing permit on Free Fishing Day, and fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Some piers may also require fees and permits. Anglers looking for a new public fishing spot are encouraged to explore the fishing section of [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

ADCNR strongly encourages everyone to observe Alabama's current State

Health Order and to practice CDC recommendations regarding hand washing and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Parks, State Lands, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com).

### AHSAA honors seven members that 'make a difference'

Seven individuals who have made an impact as exemplary role models have been selected as the 2020 Making a Difference Award recipients by the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) and the Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA).

One recipient from each of the AHSAA's seven classifications was chosen from nominations submitted by AHSAA member schools and other support organizations or individuals. This year's recipients are **Dr. Cathy Trimble**, Francis Marion High School (1A) principal; **Robin Tyra**, Abbeville High School (2A) head football coach; **Jeff Smith**, Walter Wellborn High School (3A) athletic director and head football coach; **Joe Clements**, West Blocton High School (4A) teacher and assistant and assistant football coach; **Philip Barry Baker**, Chilton County High School (5A) teacher and trainer; **Kim Kiel**, Pelham City Schools (6A) athletic director; and **David Dobbs**, Hewitt-Trussville High School track and cross country coach (7A).

Each honoree will be recognized during the fall at a special presentation as their respective schools. A video presentation will also be produced by the AHSAA TV Network for release later this summer.

The Making a Difference Award was established in 2011 by the AHSAA and AHSADCA to recognize individuals who go beyond their normal duties as a coach, teacher or administrator to make a positive impact in their schools and communities. This year's recipients include one principal, two athletic directors, three football coaches, one certified athletic trainer, and one track and cross country coach. One of the football coaches also serves his school as AD.

"The recipients in this 2020 Making a Difference class are excellent examples of men and women who take their positions as role models for their students, faculty and community very seriously and have shown extraordinary determination in faces the challenges each has faced, said AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese. "Each has had a major positive impact in their communities and schools and across the state and are excellent choices for what this award stands for. This award is the most important honor a professional educator in our state can receive. Characteristics considered for this prestigious award include the recipient's character, integrity, determination and service, all of which have enabled these individuals to have a life-changing impact on the community or school where they serve."

Savarese said this special award exemplifies what makes education-based sports so important.

"This is one way we can honor our teachers, coaches and administrators for the example they set and the life lessons they teach on a daily basis," he said.

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